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SUBJ: TERRORIST ATTACK IN ISTANBUL AND INTER-

NATIONAL AIRPORT SECURITY

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1. OUAGADOUGOU INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT RECENTLY COMPLETED NEW ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE AREAS. SOME SECURITY MEASURES HAVE BEEN TIGHTENED, HOWEVER IT IS POSSIBLE FOR A LOCAL OR FOREIGN NATIONAL, WHO IS WELL KNOWN TO AIRPORT AUTHORITIES, TO GAIN ENTRY TO TRANSIT AREA WITH PASSENGERS WHO HAVE ALREADY BEEN SCREENED. IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE THAT IN SUCH A SITUATION A "FRIEND" COULD ACCOMPANY THE WELL KNOWN INDIVIDUAL AND SUBSTITUE HIMSELF FOR THE SCREENED PASSENGER. IN THIS EVENT, IT WOULD MERELY BE A MATTER OF SHOWING THE TRANSIT PASS PREVIOUSLY GIVEN TO THE INDIVIDUAL WHO LEFT THE AIRCRAFT OR SHOWING THE NEW BOARDING PASS OR ANOTHER PERSON WHO HAD BEEN SCREENED. (SCREENING DOES NOT INCLUDE PHYSICAL OR TECHNICAL SEARCH OF PASSENGERS OR HAND LUGGAGE).

2. EMBASSY OFFICER HAS HAD PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS WITH APPROPRIATE HIGH LEVEL HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL PER REF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INSTRUCTIONS AND LATTER EVIDENCED CONCERN AND APPRECIATION

FOR GUIDANCE IN MEASURES TO BE TAKEN TO INCREASE OVERALL SECURITY AT AIRPORT. EMBASSY OFFICER MADE POINT THAT DC-10 AIRCRAFT NOW SERVICE OUAGADOUGOU FOUR TIMES PER WEEK COMING AND GOING TO FRANCE AND DC-8 AIRCRAFT PROVIDE SAME SERVICE TWICE PER WEEK. THESE FLIGHTS ARE USUALLY FULLY BOOKED, THEREBY MAKING OUAGADOUGOU HEAVILY TRAVELLED TRANSIT ROUTE TO AND FROM EUROPE.

3. PLEASE POUCH COPY OF PARA 2 REF ICAO STANDARS AND PRACTICES AS OUTLINED IN ANNEX 17 (SECURITY) AS EMBASSY DOES NOT HAVE COPY. RATIFICATION OF 1970 HAGUE AND 1971 MONTREAL CONVENTIONS WERE NOT DISCUSSED AT THIS TIME, BUT WILL BE RAISED IN SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSIONS. HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL APPEARED RECEPTIVE TO VISIT BY SECURITY SPECIALIST AND EMBASSY WILL ADVISE FOLLOWING FURTHER DISCUSSIONS. GRAHAM

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